Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri:— Then don't you find it necessary to amend the rules ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— That question has not been considered. We will consider that point. We shall make a note of it. We will go into the merits of the question raised by the Hon'ble Member for Kattur.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— You say he is allowed to wear a shirt at his cost. Is not a shirt an elementary existence of life ?

President:— That is a matter of opinion. We will take up the next question.

210 Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Will the Government kindly state:—

(a) the grounds of their insisting on prisoners, especially political, to spend from their own pockets in meeting certain wants of theirs;

(b) whether they are invariably meeting the expenses of a prisoner that would constitute a full and civilized life from his standard and habit?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—(a) No prisoner is required to spend money from his pocket to meet the wants which are necessary for a prisoner under ordinary circumstances. Government have, however, allowed a prisoner to have further comforts if he wants, at his cost. There are definite rules on these points in the Jail Rules and they are followed.

(b) Government have, after due consideration, laid down Rules whereby provision has been made for meeting all the legitimate demands of the different classes of the prisoners consistently with Jail discipline. There has been no complaint that the provisions in the Jail Rules are inadequate.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Have you not already submitted that this prisoner, Mr. Mathai Manjuran, was asked to wear a shirt at his own expense ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— Notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— You have already mentioned that in the previous question

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— Then that answer is there.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Are not the Government aware that by imprisoning a man they imprison the earning capacity of that individual ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— I think you are treading on higher ethics.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph:—May I know whether the Government have considered that a shirt is an ordinary want of a person ?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran:— That question has been answered *in extenso* in one of the earlier meetings by the Commissioner of Police.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph:— I want to know whether under ordinary circumstances a shirt is a necessity for a person and whether the Government have considered that question.

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—I want notice. I don't know whether there has been any instance wherein the Government have supplied to a prisoner at their expense.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph:— That is not an answer to my question. Whether the Government have considered at any time that for a prisoner a shirt is a necessity ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— May I know what are the arrangements you have made in the Central Jail for a non-Indian prisoner who has been convicted for offences of property ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— There are special provisions with regard to that. It will take some time to find out the rules.

Dr. A. R. Menon:— I think you are following the same rules as are obtaining in British India.

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Is not the same treatment given to Mathai Manjuran ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—Notice.

President:— It seems that the Hon'ble Member has no more questions to ask. I can't allow you to waste the time of the House.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Do you remember a statement made by you in one of the previous meetings that some of the political prisoners went to the extent of a hunger strike to protest against the provision of inadequate arrangements made in their behalf?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—I can't understand the relevancy of that question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—I want to show that there was an occasion to consider whether the under-trial prisoners should be given special treatment or not.

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—I don't find anything incongruous between the statement read out by the Hon'ble Member and the answer given in reply to the question here.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—My question was whether you remember a particular occasion when you had the opportunity to consider whether the under-trial prisoners should be given a special class or not?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—Notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Am I to take it that in such matters Government will take up a more humane and civilized attitude?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran:—We will note the point raised by the Hon'ble Member for Cranganur.

Collection of Income tax from Messrs. Mugaseth and Sons, etc.

211. Mr. C. A. Ouseph:— Will the Government be pleased to inform the House whether any income-tax have been collected from Messrs. Mugaseth and Sons, and Ranade and Sons, and Mr. Jan Muhammed doing work in the Cochin State as contractors to the South Indian Railway Co., Ltd.; if not, why not ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:—Assessment Proceedings have been taken against the railway contractors.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph:— May I know, Sir, where they are working ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— They are working in the various sections of the railway. They are railway contractors doing railway work.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph:— Is it for working on the railway that you are going to assess them ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— Assessment is made not for working but for the profits.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph:— May I know whether they have been taxed while working on the British railways?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— I have no information.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph:— May I know whether they were at any time assessed in 1109 and the assessment had to be dropped ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— May I know whether they are living in the railway lines of Cochin State?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:—I do not know.

Kumbalam out-post—Head Constable in charge —complaint against.

212. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ:—(എ) കുമ്പളം പോലീസ് സ്റ്റേഷനിലെ ഹെഡ് കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾ അവർകളെക്കുറിച്ചു വല്ല ആക്ഷേപവും ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനു കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്തു ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വീലക്കണ്ണമേനോൻ:—(എ) ഉണ്ട്.

(ബി) ഒന്നു.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ:—ഇതുപോലെ വേറെ വല്ല ആക്ഷേപങ്ങളും ഇദ്ദേഹത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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